GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MODERNISATION OF POLICE FORCES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various State police forces are facing shortage of state-of-the- art weapons, communication equipment and logistic support including vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Union Government has provided funds to the State Governments including naxal/terrorist affected States for modernisation of the police forces;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total funds sanctioned, released and utilized during each of the last three years, separately, State-wise;

(e) whether the Union Government has received requests from various State Governments for enhancing funds for modernisation of police forces particularly for tackling naxal and terrorist activities in the country;and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the total funds granted during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) & (b): "Police" is a State subject as per VII Schedule to the Constitution of India. As such, it is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to adequately equip their police forces with modern weapons, vehicles, communication facilites, etc. The Ministry of Home Affairs has, however, been supplementing the resources of State Governments for up-gradation and modernization of police forces under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme). Under the Scheme, assistance is being provided to the States for procurement of modern weaponry, construction of residential and non-residential buildings, mobility, communication / security / forensic science equipments, strengthening of intelligence branches, training infrastructure and facilities, etc. Under the MPF Scheme, the State Governments formulate their specific requirements and include them in the annual action plan which are considered and approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs and funds are released to States accordingly.

(c) and (d): Yes, Madam. During the last three years i.e. from 2007-08 to 2009-10, a total amount of Rs.3636.34 crore was released to the States under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme). This amount includes Rs.1632.15 crore released to 09 (nine) naxal affected States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. A statement indicating the State-wise release of funds and utilization reported by the State Governments in the last three years i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 to various States, including naxal affected States is at Annexure-I. The funds released to the above 09 States during 2008-09 and 2009-10 includes a component of 100% Central financial support to the naxal affected districts @ Rs.2.00 crore per district for improving the police related infrastructure like construction of police stations, police outposts, fortification of existing police stations / police outposts. Accordingly, during 2008-09, an amount of Rs.64.00 crore and in 2009-10, an amount of Rs.102.00 crore was released under the MPF Scheme for 32 and 51 naxal affected districts in these States, respectively, @ Rs.2 crore per district.

(e) & (f): Requests for enhancement of allocation of funds under the MPF Scheme are received from the State Governments from time to time and based on availability of funds under the Scheme, funds have been provided to the States during the last three years as stated above in reply to parts (c) and (d) of the Question. A statement showing the State-wise allocation of funds during the current financial year, 2010-11 and the amount releases so far are given in Annexure-II.